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PALE WESTERN CUTWORM IN NEW MEXICO

(Porosagrotis orthogonia Morr.)

Under date of March 8, Mr. J. R. Horton, of the Bureau of Entomology, reported that damage by this insect in New Mexico was first observed last year, when about 25 per cent of the most heavily infested fields in Quay County were destroyed.

Damage was again observed this year about February 20.

The worms feed entirely below the surface of the soil cutting off the wheat stems or mining out the central shoots. The most serious damage is done to late sown winter wheat. The destroyed fields in several cases were replanted to row crops which were also destroyed by the cutworms.

